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RESPONSE

In response to the action mailed October 3, 2001, please amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 1, 16-18, 23 and 25.

Please amend claims 2, 8, 9, 19-22, 24 and 26-28 as indicated in the attached sheets to read as follows:

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(Once Amended) A method of analyzing a flow for an accounting application, comprising:

- capturing an IP packet from a network segment;
- determining if the captured IP packet includes a message of a first protocol type for providing error reporting, the message having an IP packet that triggered an error event embedded within, the embedded IP packet being of a second protocol type and having a flow associated therewith;
- correlating the flow associated with the embedded IP packet to a stored parent flow of a given state, thereby associating the error event with the given state of the stored parent flow; and

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